



# FY 2007 NOAA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



## PROGRAM SUPPORT

NOAA Program Support requests \$234.2 million in FY 2007, reflecting a net decrease of \$28.2 million from FY06, but an increase of \$28.9 million over the FY 2007 base level. This budget will maintain current operations and enable modest investments in improvements in providing a safe and secure infrastructure in support of NOAA mission goals and programs. Program Support has targeted its proposed increases on the most pressing corporate administrative and technology issues required to provide the necessary infrastructure to support NOAA's programs and mission accomplishment.

Program Support provides:

- Timely corporate acquisition & grants;
- Strategic human resources management;
- Sustainable facilities management and planning;
- Improved budget, finance & administrative support services;
- Mission-focused policy formulation and corporate direction;
- Critical Enterprise Network Architecture;
- High quality legal services, and more.

### FY 2007 Program Change Highlights

**Corporate Services +\$13.7M:** \$2.7M will provide sufficient funds for NOAA-wide General Counsel support as well as on-site legal support for expanded activities in the Pacific Islands Region. These funds will cover labor and non-labor costs.

This request also includes an increase of \$2.1M for the Office of the Chief Information Officer to implement, operate, and maintain the NOAA enterprise IT security architecture. This increase will support response teams, firewalls and intrusion detection at internet-access points, proactive patch management, security education and training, and penetration testing of critical systems. Funding will also provide an enterprise-level structure to effectively respond to OMB-directed IT security architecture requirements.

An increase of \$9M will fund administrative support services to the individual line offices. This increase maintains current levels of direct administrative, technical, human resources, financial and security services which are crucial in achieving NOAA's mission. NOAA is continuously analyzing NOAA-wide costs for activities such as warehousing, radio spectrum, workers compensation and DOC advances and reimbursables, to achieve operational efficiencies.

NOAA also requests \$2M to fund the continued operations of the Office of Program Planning and Integration (PPI). These funds will support NOAA's strategic planning programs and performance accountability mandated by GPRA. PPI funds were requested outside of Corporate Services in previous budgets.



**Education +\$4.1M:** Funds are requested to support the Ernest Hollings and Nancy Foster Scholarship Programs. This funding will continue to improve coordination of NOAA's higher education activities directed at strengthening the pool of candidates for a future NOAA workforce. The Budget includes statutory language to fund these programs directly, rather than by taxing other NOAA programs.

**Facilities Management and Modernization +\$9.4M:** Funds will be used to provide crucial funding for new and planned facility repair and maintenance projects which address facility conditions affecting either employee safety or mission-operational readiness. Funding will also support the development and implementation of an annual integrated facility inspection program to assess facility conditions at NOAA-owned facilities, coordinated capital investment planning and execution for NOAA construction projects, and program direction and oversight for NOAA's major construction program.

**Environmental Compliance, Health & Safety +\$1.7M:** This request provides funding to ensure a safe and environmentally compliant work environment as required by Federal, state and local laws, and address the backlog of environmental cleanup projects. Funds will be used to address deficiencies in maintaining hazardous material storage tanks; inspecting and abating all asbestos and lead-based paint materials; providing facility safety inspections, field location program support, employee and facility safety equipment, and workplace employee training.

Program Support FY 2007 Budget Request (\$ in Millions)				
	FY06 Enacted	FY07 Base	Program Change	Request
ORF	\$ 224.9	\$ 205.3	\$ 28.9	\$ 234.2
PAC	\$ 37.5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 262.4	\$ 205.3	\$ 28.9	\$ 234.2

For more information, contact the NOAA Budget Office:  
(202) 482-4600 – or – AskNOAABudget@noaa.gov